



News From

Maggie Brooks

Monroe County Executive

For Immediate Release
Thursday, January 27, 2005

BROOKS WELCOMES U.S. AIR FORCE THUNDERBIRDS

Thunderbirds will be Featured Act at
Airshow June 11-12, 2005

Monroe County Executive **Maggie Brooks** today welcomed representatives of the United States Air Force Thunderbirds and announced that the 2005 ESL International Airshow will be held June 11-12 at the Greater Rochester International Airport (GRIA). The Thunderbirds, the United States Air Force's Air Demonstration Squadron, will be the featured act at the Airshow.

"The Airshow is one of the most highly anticipated events in our community each year. We are excited that the Thunderbirds have selected Monroe County and our Greater Rochester International Airport as one of its show sites across the United States this summer," Brooks said. "This marks only the second time that our community has had the opportunity to host the Thunderbirds."

The Thunderbirds previously appeared at the Airshow in 1993. The Thunderbirds are stationed at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada. Representing the Thunderbirds at the news conference were Captain David Haworth and Crew Chief Staff Sergeant Andy Vasquez.

ESL Federal Credit Union is the title sponsor for this year's Airshow. This is the third consecutive year that ESL has sponsored the Airshow.

Brooks also announced that a portion of the ESL International Airshow proceeds will be donated to the Veterans Outreach Center of Rochester, in honor of those who have served our nation and in recognition of the June 14th Flag Day holiday.

In addition to the Thunderbirds, the ESL International Airshow will include additional military demonstration acts, a heritage flight, and civilian aerobatic acts that promise to keep the audience on the edge of their seats. Spectators can also look forward to viewing numerous displays of military aircraft, civilian aircraft, as well as family entertainment in the Kiddie Kommando Area, and plenty of food from Rochester area vendors.

Ticket information will be announced early this spring. Updated Airshow information and program details can be found on the web at www.rochesterairshow.com.

###